

Arizona Public Libraries: 2014 in Review



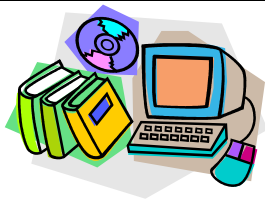
Visits: 27.5 million

More than 500,000 people visited Arizona's 222 library buildings every week.



Library Cards: 3.1 million

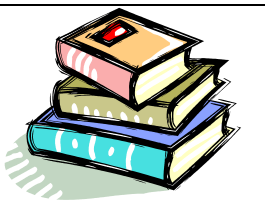
About half of Arizonans have library cards.



Items Borrowed: 44 million

On average, every Arizonan borrowed 7.2 items. Patrons borrowed more than 13 million children's items.

Arizonans downloaded 3.2 million ebooks from their libraries.



Books Available: 8 million

Libraries have 2.8 million children's books, more than a million videos and almost 700,000 audios.

Libraries are rapidly adding digital collections.



Computer Sessions: 7.7 million

Arizona's libraries have almost 5,600 computers.

Computer usage continues to climb in Arizona's libraries.



Program Attendance: 1.5 million

Libraries hosted more than 72,000 programs.

Children's programs accounted for more than half those, and were attended by more than a million participants.



Library Staff: 2,018

About 25 percent of the staff – 543 – have a master's in library science.

The number of library staff members has declined in the last year.



Cost: \$26.27 per Arizonan

The total reported operating expenditures for Arizona's public and tribal libraries is \$175 million.

Local government pays 93 percent of the cost of operating the libraries.